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GROUP 1731

PATENT APPLICATION

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Jacques JOLLY, et al.

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For:

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND MORE

PARTICULARLY A PREFORM OF LARGE DIAMETER

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action & Formalities

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 28, 2002.